

INSTITUTE ORGANISING INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY CONFERENCES AT BCCK ON AUG 15-20

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Jabu is seen during a photo call with IKM members. Seated from left are IKM advisor Chan Woon Peng, Chai and Dr John Chan. From back left are Prof Dr Zainab Ngaini, Prof Dr Lau Seng, Nigel Lim and Dr Seah Lay Hong.

KUCHING: The Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (IKM) is organising two international chemistry conferences at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCCK) on Aug 15-20.

They are the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry's (IUPAC) International Conference On Chemistry Education (ICCE) and the International Symposium On Pure & Applied Chemistry (ISPAC) 2016 in conjunction with IKM Sarawak branch's 30th anniversary celebration.

IKM Sarawak branch members led by chairman Dr Alvin Chai Lian Kuet paid a courtesy call on state science research advisor Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Alfred Jabu Numpang recently to brief him on the two international conferences being held here for the first time.

A press statement said Jabu was very supportive and showed tremendous enthusiasm towards the conferences.

A total of 500 scientists – half of whom are international participants – from over 40 countries, are expected at the conferences.

There will be at least 110 Japanese scientists led by 2010 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Prof Ei-ichi Negishi who is also Purdue University's HC Brown Distinguished Professor of Chemistry.

Negishi will deliver a plenary lecture at each conference, deliver a special invited lecture to 500 guests at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas), and have a special session with Jabu after the talk.

A total of 300 oral and poster presentations will be presented at ICCE and ISPAC 2016.

During the ICCE, there will also be the Global Launch of the new Electronic Interactive IUPAC Periodic Table.

IKM has invited and sponsored 50 teachers from Sarawak and 20 teachers from Peninsular Malaysia to attend the ICCE.

To enhance the learning of chemistry in schools and universities and public awareness on its importance, Young Ambassador Chemistry (YAC) and Micro-scale Training workshops will be conducted for students, teachers, college lecturers, university lecturers, university students and the public at SM Sains Kuching Utara (Sakura) and BCCK Kuching.

Chemistry professors from Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, the Netherlands and Malaysia will conduct these workshops and share their experiences.